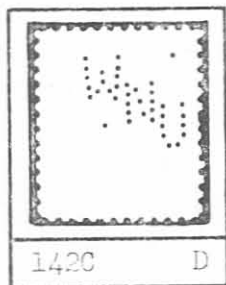


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ILLUSTRATIONS



The Western Newspaper Union (WNU) used five patterns of perfins from four cities: Chicago: (W142A and W143), New York (W142B), San Francisco (W142C) and Boston (W142D). All five patterns have been used on Bureau precancels.



Illustrated here are two Bureau precancels from San Francisco. The second one is missing the control hole under the letter "W". This missing control hole should not cause much of a problem on Bureau precancels, but an unprecanceled incomplete San Francisco perfin could be confused with a perfin from New York.

The Chicago perfins lack control holes while those from Boston have three control holes under the letter "W". All three holes are in different positions from the one under the letter "W" in the San Francisco version.